

105TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 440

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 13, 1997

Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. DEAUTHORIZATION OF ANIMAS-LA PLATA FED-**  
 2 **ERAL RECLAMATION PROJECT.**

3 (a) DEAUTHORIZATION.—The Animas-La Plata  
 4 Project, Colorado and New Mexico (a participating project  
 5 under the Act of April 11, 1956 (commonly known as the  
 6 “Colorado River Storage Project Act”) (70 Stat. 105,  
 7 chapter 203; 43 U.S.C. 620 et seq.), and the Colorado  
 8 River Basin Project Act (43 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.)) is not  
 9 authorized after the date of enactment of this Act.

10 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The first section of  
 11 the Act of April 11, 1956 (70 Stat. 105, chapter 203; 43  
 12 U.S.C. 620), is amended in the proviso by striking  
 13 “Animas-La Plata,”.

14 (c) NEGOTIATIONS.—The Secretary of the Interior  
 15 shall promptly seek to enter into negotiations with the Ute  
 16 Mountain Ute Indian Tribe and the Southern Ute Indian  
 17 Tribe to satisfy, in a manner consistent with all Federal  
 18 laws, the water rights interests of those tribes that were  
 19 intended to be satisfied with water supplied from the  
 20 Animas-La Plata Project.

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